



Newsletter

Community Bank · Casey-Cardinia

Lang Lang
Pearcedale
Koo Wee Rup
Narre Warren South
Tooradin & Coastal Villages
Bunyip & District

Can you believe we are heading into winter?
Where does the time go?

We have had a busy few months celebrating our 2024 scholarship recipients (pictured above) and holding our first community investment program presentation evening for Community Bank Bunyip & District. At that event we distributed over \$70,000 in sponsorships and grants to the Bunyip and district community.

We are currently assessing applications for the community investment programs at our other five sites, and will be hosting presentations later in the year.

We have welcomed a new branch manager to our Koo Wee Rup branch, Andrew Weybury. Andrew comes to us with wealth of experience in the finance sector and has a love of community sport. Read more about Andrew (right) and make sure to pop in and say hi!

We've had many of customers coming into our branches recently to complete a financial health check. This is a review of their current banking arrangements. It's a perfect time for anyone to make an appointment at one of our branches to explore options and to unlock potential benefits and savings.

If you would like to help us grow our community contributions and shareholder dividends, an introduction can go a long way towards building positive networks in our communities. Whether it is family or friends, businesses, or community groups, switching their day-to-day banking to Bendigo Bank will have a big impact on your community. Talk to the staff at your local branch to learn more. Let's keep building a stronger, more vibrant community together!



Meet Andrew

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Being the best Dad I can be and supporting my daughter to be an amazing young woman and to chase her dreams of becoming a

professional dancer. Also, having had a double lung transplant in 2015, that had a pretty big impact on me and my loved ones. Going through the procedure and the rehab was pretty momentous.

What makes you laugh the most?

My best friend and partner who always makes me laugh. When I'm down, she can sense it, and sends me something funny to cheer me up. We both have a dry sense of humour. Life can sometimes be pretty serious, so we just need to have a laugh.

Can you tell us about a book, movie, or TV show that has had a significant impact on you?

Ted Lasso. Over the past two years when I wasn't working due to health, I watched the series and it really helped me to reflect on life.

What is your favourite sport/team?

I am a cricket tragic! I love coaching and supporting people to play cricket and watching professional games. I have recently retired from playing veterans cricket but love watching my local team and supporting them in any way I can.

Where is your favourite travel destination?

I am going to Europe in June, so I will have an answer once I have visited 15 countries in 28 days!

Catch Andrew at Community Bank Koo Wee Rup

Better banking. Big impact.

2024 scholarship program

In March we presented scholarships to six very deserving local students who have shown a strong commitment to their studies and future career aspirations by taking the next step into tertiary education.

Our scholarship presentation night was held at Settlers Run Golf and Country Club, and our second-year applicants were also acknowledged on the night.

Our scholarships are awarded to first-time tertiary students for a two-year term, and first time TAFE students for one year.

To be eligible for the scholarship the students must meet the following criteria:

- Have been able to demonstrate a high academic achievement with acceptance into their chosen tertiary course.
- Demonstrate community leadership within their secondary college or the wider community.
- Demonstrate a level of difficulty that would affect their pathway onto tertiary education.
- Reside in, or attend, a college in one of our six Community Bank locations.

Since 2012, Our Community Company has supported 69 local students with a total scholarship program investment of \$627,000 across the whole Casey-Cardinia region.



From left: Matthew Wise (2nd year recipient), Grace Healey, Ashwin Amalraj, Charlotte Cartmel, Abbey Howes, Kayla Humphrey, Tom Rogers (2nd year recipient)

Meet our 2024 scholarship recipients

- Community Bank Lang Lang – Kayla Humphrey, Kayla is studying a Bachelor Degree in Biomedical Engineering at Monash University
- Community Bank Pearcedale – Grace Healey, Grace is studying a Bachelor Degree in Biomedicine at Deakin University
- Community Bank Koo Wee Rup – Charlotte Cartmel, Charlotte is studying a Bachelor Degree in Nursing & Midwifery (honours) at Monash University
- Community Bank Warren South – Ashwin Amalraj, Ashwin is studying a Bachelor Degree in Computer Science at Deakin University.
- Community Bank Tooradin & Coastal Villages – Abbey Howes, Abbey is studying a Bachelor Degree in Paramedicine at Monash University.
- Community Bank Tooradin & Coastal Villages – Dylan Vincent, Dylan is studying a Bachelor Degree in Engineering at RMIT.

Congratulations to all these very worthy recipients.

Lang Lang outdoor movie night

We were thrilled to get a fantastic turnout at our recent outdoor movie night. It was a wonderful, family-friendly evening under the stars, made even more magical by the perfect weather.

The Lang Lang PA&H, our dedicated parking volunteers, the Lang Lang CFA, and food stall holders all played a part in making this event possible and successful. Thank you to everyone who attended.





FRIDAY 31st MAY

FARMER'S LUNCHEON

Join us for our annual luncheon and hear about the latest forecasts in the agricultural and finance sectors

Presented by Rural Bank, Community Bank Lang Lang, Koo Wee Rup, Narre Warren South, Tooradin & Coastal Villages and Bunyip & District

12:30pm to 3:00pm
Roast Lunch & Refreshments Provided
CALDERMEADE FARM & CAFE
4385 South Gippsland Hwy, Caldermeade

GUEST SPEAKERS



- **Andrew Smith**
Head of Agribusiness Development
at Rural Bank



David (Robbo) Robertson -
Head of Economic and Markets Research
at Bendigo and Adelaide Bank

We will also have

Lucky Door Prizes Raffle Supporting Prostate Cancer Research Showbag for all attendees

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To reserve yours call or text Sonia on 0412 057 791 or email at admin@ourcommunitycompany.com.au

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Bunyip and District community investment program

We were delighted to hold our first community investment program presentation evening since taking on the franchise for Community Bank Bunyip and District 10 months ago.

We celebrated the impact of our investments, totalling over \$77,000 back into our community. We look forward to continuing to support and grow together.

The presence of 52 community members, branch staff and company directors made the evening very special.

Branch Manager Bash Keshtiar made a passionate speech about reconnecting with community, reminding all that our investment program is a two-way street: the more you support us, the more we can return back to our communities.

The event was hosted by our friends, Fred and Susie and the Garfield Picture Theatre—an incredible venue that made our evening memorable.

Recipients of our 2024 Community Bank Bunyip and District community investment program:

Bunyip Strikers Soccer Club

Bunyip Connect Inc.

Bunyip Fire Brigade

Bunyip Football Club

Bunyip Kindergarten

Bunyip Netball Club

Bunyip Primary School

Bunyip Tennis Club

Garfield Football Club

Garfield Golf Club

Garfield Kindergarten

Garfield Netball Club

Garfield Spectator

Garfield/Tynong Cricket Club

Hillview Bunyip Aged Care Inc.

Nar Nar Goon Junior Football Club

Nar Nar Goon Football Club

Variety Bash Elvis Car 1



Some of the many happy recipients who received funding at the Bunyip presentation night held recently.



Find out what's on at the Garfield Picture Theatre: www.garfieldpicturetheatre.com.au

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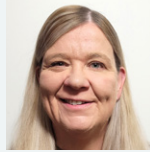
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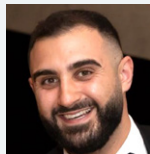
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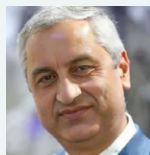
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Pictured: Branch Manager Hus Suleyman and Customer Relationship Manager Ellie Trezise

Oakgrove Community Expo

Oakgrove Community Centre held their annual expo recently, highlighting the support and community service organisations available to residents of Narre Warren and surrounding communities.

As long-time supporters of Oakgrove, our Branch Manager Hus Suleyman attended as a special guest.

Oakgrove Community Centre is a not-for-profit organisation that provides social, educational and recreational activities in a welcoming space.

Learn more at: www.oakgrovecc.org.au



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